

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**  
**MONROE DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

\*     **CRIMINAL NO. 08-0208-05**

**VERSUS**

\*     **JUDGE JAMES**

**EDITHA BUCOL**

\*     **MAGISTRATE JUDGE HAYES**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON**  
**FELONY GUILTY PLEA BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), and with the written and oral consent of the defendant, this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of Guilty Plea, and Allocution under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This cause came before the undersigned U. S. Magistrate Judge for a change of plea hearing and allocution of the defendant, Editha Bucol, on September 18, 2008. Defendant was present with her counsel, Mr. Val Salomon.

After said hearing, and for reasons orally assigned, it is the finding of the undersigned that the defendant is fully competent, that her plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary, and her guilty plea to Count One of the Indictment and agreement to forfeit any interest that she may have in the property and funds referenced in Count Two of the Indictment, is fully supported by a written factual basis including each of the essential elements of the offense. Therefore the undersigned U. S. Magistrate Judge recommends that the District Court **ACCEPT** the guilty plea of the defendant, Editha Bucol, in accordance with the terms of the plea agreement filed in the record of these proceedings, and that Editha Bucol be finally adjudged guilty of the offense

charged in Count One of the Indictment. It is further recommended that the District Court  
**ACCEPT** defendant's agreement to forfeit any interest that she may have in the property and  
funds referenced in Count Two of the Indictment

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(C) and F.R.C.P. Rule 72(b), the parties  
have **ten (10) business days** from service of this Report and Recommendation to file specific,  
written objections with the Clerk of Court. A party may respond to another party's objections  
within **ten (10) business days** after being served with a copy thereof. A courtesy copy of any  
objection or response or request for extension of time shall be furnished to the District Judge at  
the time of filing. Timely objections will be considered by the District Judge before he makes a  
final ruling.

**A PARTY'S FAILURE TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED  
FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS  
REPORT WITHIN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ITS SERVICE  
SHALL BAR AN AGGRIEVED PARTY, EXCEPT ON GROUNDS OF PLAIN ERROR,  
FROM ATTACKING ON APPEAL THE UNOBJECTED-TO PROPOSED FACTUAL  
FINDINGS AND LEGAL CONCLUSIONS ACCEPTED BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE.**

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Monroe, Louisiana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.



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KAREN L. HAYES  
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE